

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

RIKISHA S. SMITH, et al.

Plaintiffs,

-against-

5:18-CV-1252 (LEK/ATB)

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH, *et al.*,

Defendants.

DECISION AND ORDER

I. INTRODUCTION

This matter comes before the Court following a Report-Recommendation filed on November 1, 2018, by the Honorable Andrew T. Baxter, U.S. Magistrate Judge, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Rule 72.3. Dkt. No. 4 (“Report-Recommendation”).

II. LEGAL STANDARD

Within fourteen days after a party has been served with a copy of a magistrate judge’s report-recommendation, the party “may serve and file specific, written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); L.R. 72.1(c). If objections are timely filed, a court “shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made.” § 636(b).

However, if no objections are made, or if an objection is general, conclusory, perfunctory, or a mere reiteration of an argument made to the magistrate judge, a district court need review that aspect of a report-recommendation only for clear error. Barnes v. Prack, No. 11-CV-857, 2013 WL 1121353, at *1 (N.D.N.Y. Mar. 18, 2013); Farid v. Bouey, 554 F. Supp. 2d 301, 306–07, 306 n.2 (N.D.N.Y. 2008), abrogated on other grounds by Widomski v. State Univ. of

N.Y. at Orange, 748 F.3d 471 (2d Cir. 2014); see also Machicote v. Ercole, No. 06-CV-13320, 2011 WL 3809920, at *2 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 25, 2011) (“[E]ven a *pro se* party’s objections to a Report and Recommendation must be specific and clearly aimed at particular findings in the magistrate’s proposal, such that no party be allowed a second bite at the apple by simply relitigating a prior argument.”). “A [district] judge . . . may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge.” § 636(b).

III. DISCUSSION

No objections were filed in the allotted time period. Docket. Even if the Court were to consider Plaintiff Smith’s objection that was filed outside the allotted time period, Dkt. No. 5 (“Objection”), that Objection is so general (it consists of a collection of articles, webpages, and medical records with no explanation of their relevance to any of the Magistrate Judge’s findings or conclusions) that the Court still reviews the Report-Recommendation only for clear error. It finds none.

IV. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is hereby:

ORDERED, that the Report-Recommendation (Dkt. No. 4) is **APPROVED and ADOPTED in its entirety**; and it is further

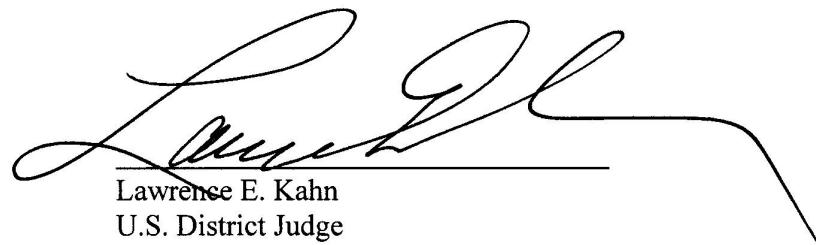
ORDERED, that the Complaint is **DISMISSED in its entirety with prejudice** with respect to Plaintiffs Smith and Children Rainbow #s, and it is further

ORDERED, that the Complaint is **DISMISSED in its entirety without prejudice** with respect to Plaintiffs SLH, AIL, SJH, APH, and PIL; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the Court serve a copy of this Order on Plaintiffs in accordance with the Local Rules.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: December 03, 2018
Albany, New York



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence E. Kahn". Below the signature, the name is printed in a standard font: "Lawrence E. Kahn" on the first line and "U.S. District Judge" on the second line.